

WGMR Issues and Programs: First Quarter 2018

Issue: Family, Parenting and Relationships

1/15/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

There are many times in life when we think to ourselves, "Oh, my, do I have to go to that function?" Or, "Why did I commit to that phone call?" We had great intentions when we added it to our calendar. But we plan a lot of things that way, including sometimes just committing to something in order to end a correspondence or conversation with someone. You know, the old, "Hey, let's get caught up by phone sometime." However, when the appointed time comes, we have so many other things we need to tend to. Nevertheless, we honor the commitment we made, attend the function (whether it's a wedding, a friend's birthday celebration, a monthly meeting of a social organization we belong to) and have our lives changed in a beautiful way. Looking back, we often say, "I wouldn't have missed that for the world." When has this happened to you? Share your take with Jerry and Debbie.

1/22/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

Criticism of oneself or others is highly demoralizing. All too often it becomes an easy habit of finding fault instead of focusing on the positive. Pointing out the negative aspects in people can be quite tempting. In order for us to be the best version of ourselves and to help others do the same, we must make every effort to find the redeeming value rather than falling into the practice of being overly critical. Let's talk about this; call in and share your take.

2/3/18 7:00PM...CELTIC CONNECTIONS...60 minutes

Host: Kathy Sinnott with guests: Patrick and Marian Duff and Dawn Eden discuss Retrouvaille, a program for hurting couples who want to turn their marriages around. Kathy talks to Patrick and Marian Duff, councilors ministering with Retrouvaille in Ireland. Spiritual writer Dawn Eden, author of "The Thrill of the Chaste", makes a distinction between, 'falling in love', and what she calls, 'standing in love'.

2/2/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

Are These the "Good Old Days" For You? Life is really amazing. Every one of us goes through periods of great joy and satisfaction. We each also go through difficult stages of life. No matter what age we are, we can look back and scan the duration of our lives and see various times when there was a real contentment, like things were hitting on all cylinders. Can you point to that time in your life? Is it perhaps right now? Would you go back to the "good old days" if you had the chance? How do we make each stage of our lives the "good old days?"

2/20/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

Guys, What Has Brought You to Your Knees? On Tuesday, Jerry and Debbie – and you – will go deep as we invite men to call in and share your experiences of having been driven to your knees by the circumstances of life. Perhaps it was a relationship that didn't work out. Estrangement from a spouse or child. Men often think it's a sign of weakness to cry, to grieve, to be "brought to their knees" by life's challenges. Callers are asked when they were literally brought to your knees by things outside of your control, and how that changed their life.

Issue: Youth Programming

1/6/18 6:30PM...BLESSED2PLAY...30 minutes

This week's guest is Grant Aasen who punted in the ACC for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Ron talks with Grant about his time playing Division 1 football and what made him excel.

1/13/18 6:30PM...BLESSED2PLAY...30 minutes

This week's guest is Pittsburgh Pirates Sean Rodriguez. Ron talks with this veteran major leaguer about his path to the big leagues and how a serious car accident gave him a new perspective on life!

1/18/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

High School "Classes" On Wednesday, Jerry and Debbie invite you to reminisce and share some reflections on the time you spent in high school. All high schools have classes, i.e. the academic kind. But most, if not all, have "classes," or "cliques," that the students invariably fall into. Some are "jocks" (the athletic type). Others are "nerds" (those who seem only interested in passing their classes). Still others are "stoners" (primarily interested in getting high between classes). And, of course, there are those who are viewed as "teachers pets." Share your take on Wednesday

2/3/18 6:30PM...BLESSED2PLAY...30 minutes

This week's guest is Tunch Ilken a former 2-Time Pro Bowl selection and member of the All Time Pittsburgh Steelers Team. Ron talks with Tunch about his unconventional journey to the NFL and why he is reaching out to young men and encouraging them to live a moral life.

3/3/18 6:30PM...BLESSED2PLAY...30 minutes

On this Episode of Blessed 2 Play, Ron Meyer interviews Keith Primeau, a former Canadian professional ice hockey centre who played 15 seasons in the National Hockey League (NHL) with the Detroit Red Wings, Hartford Whalers, Carolina Hurricanes and Philadelphia Flyers. He explains how he started as a young boy and had the benefit of great coaching.

Issue: Educational

1/9/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

Dr. Scott Turner asked the question: "What is it that makes something alive?" The question is actually trickier than you may think, and it's something that modern Darwinism fails to sufficiently answer. Life is defined by purpose and desire – the drive to maintain homeostasis.

2/16/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

February 13 was the two-year anniversary of the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Bryan Garner knew him well and even co-wrote two books with the man known to his friends as Nino. Bryan joins us with a look at the man, judge and friend

2/18/18 6:30PM...BLESSED2PLAY...30 minutes

This week's guest is St. Louis Cardinals Traveling Secretary C.J. Cherre. Ron talks with C.J about his role with the big league club and how he stays grounded in his everyday life. He discusses in detail the challenges of dealing with owners, coaches and players. His experiences over the last three decades are enlightening, humorous and surprising.

2/19/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

It's Presidents' Day, and Ronald White joins us to discuss the personal beliefs of one of our greatest - and most misunderstood - presidents: Abraham Lincoln. He was a man of strong moral convictions who was involved in a personal religious odyssey and even wrote a profound meditation on "the will of God" in the Civil War.

2/24/18 10:00PM...CALL ME CATHOLIC...60 minutes

In the Call Me Catholic Countdown, Peggy pays tribute to the late Reverend Billy Graham by sharing her top five favorite quotes from this iconic evangelist who helped so many through his dynamic ministry. She also shares many interesting facts little known by the general public

Issue: Public Interest

1/23/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

When Rick Van Warner found himself searching abandoned buildings and dangerous streets looking for his missing son, he had no idea that the synthetic, pill-form heroin that had snared his teen was already killing so many. In the years of pain and heartache that followed as he tried to save his son from opioid addiction, he discovered what the American public is just now becoming aware of: opioids prescribed for even minor pain relief are so addictive that even a few days of use can create dependency. Rick shares his story.

1/5/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

Raymond Ibrahim joins us with a review of the top terrorism stories of the year. Despite losing massive amounts of territory this year, ISIS's ideology is yet to be defeated. The terror group claimed responsibility for a Palm Sunday bombing that killed more than 40 churchgoers and a bus attack that killed another 29 Coptic Christians in Minya, Egypt. There was also the Manchester suicide bombing that killed 22 and scores of other attacks that left countless dead.

1/6/18 6:00PM...REGISTER RADIO...30 minutes

2018 has arrived, and Pope Francis' schedule is filling up. Edward Pentin discusses what's on his agenda this year. Then there are New Year's Resolutions. The program centers on some of the usual hopes for a new year.

2/3/18 7:00PM...ENCOUNTER...60 minutes

This week's guest is Nancy Economou, founder of Watts of Love, This organization provides solar powered lighting to the poorest of the poor in 3rd world countries

2/17/18 6:00PM...REGISTER RADIO...30 minutes

Five years ago, Pope Benedict XVI shocked the entire world with his announcement that he was resigning the papacy. This week on Register Radio, we look back on the resignation and explore what it has meant. Also discussed are his current activities and his involvement in world events.

Issue: Health

1/8/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

Did you know that there are many benefits in life that are gained from having a grateful disposition? On Monday, the program explores all the health and relationship advantages we can obtain by developing a grateful heart.

1/23/18 11:00PM...TAKE2...60 minutes

Do you find yourself jumping out of bed in the morning racing to go and take on the day? Or maybe you have become accustomed to hitting the snooze button on your alarm, once, twice or even several times. Are you excited to start your day? When people have a mission and there is passion behind it, then life becomes an adventure and very exciting. Let's explore this reality and more on the next Take 2 with Jerry and Debbie

1/27/18 10:00PM...CALL ME CATHOLIC...60 minutes

Dr. Louise Dunn, Director of the New Hope Crisis Counseling Hotline, discusses the history of this free crisis intervention resource, the first church based service of its kind, established by Rev Schuller in 1968 and then taken over by Catholic Charities. Peggy and Dr. Dunn continue their discussion about mental health and how the Catholic church is initiating new resources to address this epidemic.

2/24/18 6:00PM...REGISTER RADIO...30 minutes

The program discusses how the Church is responding to the Opioid epidemic in the US. One community has taken a very unique approach. Register senior editor Joan Desmond joins us with the story.

3/5/18 4:00PM...KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON...60 minutes

Dr. Rusty Chavey questions whether our new technologies with the communicative abilities and conveniences really provide a better quality of life for our families. Since the advent of social media there has been a spike in the rates of teenage depression; bullying; sexting; identity stealing; pornography distribution; cyber-crimes...the list goes on. When even Steve Jobs admitted that he severely limited his own children's tech use, shouldn't we sit up and take notice?